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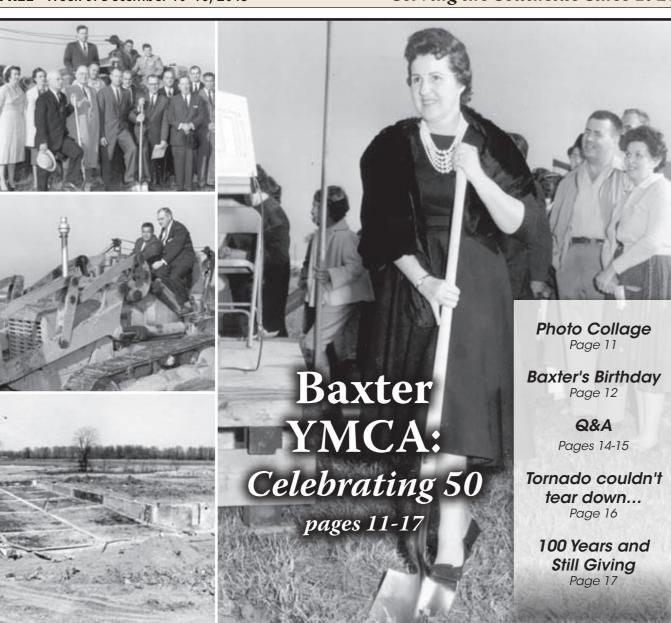
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BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL

Meeting, Dec. 7

■ What happened? Ordinance 27 was approved on second and third readings.



- What it means: The ordinance approves making temporary loans to fund current operating expenses.
- What's next? The loans will be made.

In brief...

- The Beech Grove High School Varsity Football, Boys Cross Country and Girls Golf teams were recognized for winning their conference championships.
- The Redevelopment Commission budget was approved for 2016.
- City Councilors David Mobley, John Jennings, Anthony Davidson and Kathy Coates said their farewells during their final council meeting. Ed Bell will return as councilor in 2016. Mary Stewart and David Harrison were not present. Elected officials will swear in Jan. 1, noon at Hornet Park Community Center.

Compiled by Nicole Davis

AROUND TOWN

Beech Grove Fire Department blesses new ambulance

The Beech Grove Fire Department held a blessing ceremony for its new ambulance on Dec. 9, inviting community leaders and fire staff to celebrate. This is the department's third new ambulance in the four years, the last one introduced in 2012. The new ambulance is a fully-refurbished 2000 model. Father William Williams of Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church came to bless the ambulance, saying a prayer and sprinkling it with Holy water.

"We always do this with our engines," said Beech Grove Fire Chief Robert Cheshire. "It's tradition. This is the first with our ambulance. Usually when we have a new vehicle in service we have a get together with community leaders. We appreciate the support of our local elected officials and our community."



Above: Father Bill Williams reads scripture before blessing the new Beech Grove ambulance. **Below:** Beech Grove Fire Departments staff joined in celebration of the new ambulance on Dec. 9. **Photos by Nicole Davis**



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THIS on the WEB



Southside athletes recently commit to universities

Athletes from across the Southside, Perry Meridian, Southport, Beech Grove, Greenwood and Center Grove, has signed agreements to play at top universities across the nations. These athletes include Perry Meridian's Mitchell Garrity, Riley Taylor, Dusty Baird; Roncalli's Olivia Hoffman, Mallory Marsicek, and Anne Strevels; Beech Grove's Haylee Wolf; and Greenwood's Reid Werner.

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Indiana sees increase in female gun owners

Women are the largest growing demographic of new firearm owners nationwide, and women in Indiana are flocking to their local shooting chapter of the Well Armed Woman (TWAW). TWAW Shooting Chapters allow women to turn to other women to learn how to safely carry and shoot firearms, and how to improve their gun handling skills. The Indiana groups meet monthly South Indianapolis.

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face to face 🕏

Q: Which Christmas tradition would you never want to give up? Which one would you like to give up?

"I would not want to give up getting together with family to celebrate the holidays. I would like to give up decorating the house for the holidays. If I could get out of having to string the lights when it is cold or take them back

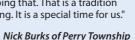


when it is cold or take them back down when it is cold that would be terrific."

Tim O'Malley, works in Greenwood

"A tradition I would not want to give up is every year since my wife and I were dating my wife and I go to downtown Indy the weekend before Christmas. We go have dinner we walk around and see the lights. I proposed around the I

wife and I go to downtown
Indy the weekend before
Christmas. We go have dinner
we walk around and see the
lights. I proposed around the monument
while we were doing that. That is a tradition
we have kept going. It is a special time for us."



"I would never want to give up having a family dinner for any holiday, not just Christmas. For any occasion, not just holidays. I would like to give up on all occasions including Christmas giving bought and paid for gifts from stores to so called loved ones. I like handmade stuff."

Nicolas King of Garfield Park

"In Southport, right down the main street of Southport, they have these antique ornaments with lights on them. I would hate to see that go. That is a tradition. You know it is going to be

You know it is going to be
Christmas time when the workers put those antique lights up. One that I would be happy to give up is that Christmas starts in July.
Christmas starts too early anymore."

Becki Miller of Southport

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AROUND TOWN



Perry Kiwanis ring the bell

Kiwanis Club of Perry Township members will ring the Salvation Army bell on

Dec. 12, at Greenwood Park Mall, Applebee's entrance, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. By mid-November, the volunteer roster had been completely filled — a record!

Alexander Kuka of Greenwood graduates from Minnesota State

Minnesota State University, Mankato will present 1,740 degrees during summer/fall commencement exercises on Dec. 12 in Taylor Center on the Minnesota State Mankato campus. Included is Alexander Kuka, MA, Clinical Psychology, of Greenwood.







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Knowing when to call it a day

HAUNTS & JAUNTS

By Rick Hinton

Ghost hunters do call it quits. Steve Edwards, founder of the NCP family-which includes my group-has decided to move onto other things. Here are some excerpts from his announcement:

"This weekend will be the last time that I will be doing any ghost investigations. I have been in involved with paranormal research for most of my life. After countless hours of going over evidence, I have come to the same stone wall that stopped my grandmother before me. I know as much as I am ever going to know, and the harder I try for a breakthrough, the more I know it will never come.

I have investigated with some great people over the last few years. I equally pissed off some owners of 'haunted' attractions for not giving their respective establishments a high appraisal. To them I say 'tough!' NCP was given a chance to be on a well known TV program, but only if the story was changed. I said no. The truth was enough. We were turned down. The truth is what this field should be about. Unfortunately, so many want to be the next 'big' thing on TV, and will do so at any cost; they have killed the respectability of true seekers. There are plenty of false paranormal prophets and too many people who follow them. I don't respect anyone that pays their price to investigate with them just to seek some kind of authenticity.

My hat goes off to groups that endeavor to unveil the truth; several are not seeking publicity or fame. I have found what answers I need. There is something out there... and it knows me. Rather than endanger my family, friends and associates, I am walking away with the knowledge I have.

When you go to an investigation and the EVPs start using your name, you have to take a step back. At first I thought it was a signal



Steve and Sheree Edwards. Photo by Rick Hinton

that 'They' wanted to actually communicate. Now I am more certain that it was a trap to stroke my ego, and not for good things. There is a point one needs to ask 'am I really helping, or are they manipulating to their end?' I caution anyone who takes the paranormal lightly; you are playing with something dangerous. Equipped in faith may not be enough to protect those you love. I am cautious with myself, yet frightened for those I care about. Thus... I choose to walk away."

Steve...we will always remain friends, yet I will miss our excursions into the darkness together.



Rick Hinton, a Southport resident, loves researching things that go bump in the night. His articles can be read on Facebook: Rick Hinton, Southport Paranormal Examiner. Hinton conducts paranormal investigations with his team, South Central Paranormal.



OUR VIEW



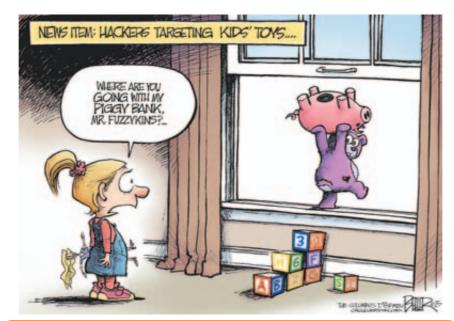
FRA Branch 170 Christmas Party. **Submitted Photo**

Leaving no one out this Christmas!

As we approach the Christmas holiday, we are hearing so many heartwarming stories of our Southsiders doing great things: collecting socks for the homeless, food for those who need it, donating Christmas presents for children or, in the case of the Greenwood-based Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) Branch 170, including a stranger they just met in their membership-only Christmas party.

The branch held its party on Dec. 5. One member, Jerry Bennett, shared this story with us. On Dec. 2, Jerry was leaving Flapjacks after having lunch when he saw two men sitting at a nearby table wearing military ball caps like his so he stopped to talk. The men were Ben Reed and his friend, Clovis. "Clovis has cancer and obviously it is having an effect. I invited them to the Fleet Reserve Association Christmas Party. Clovis asked what he should bring so I told them about the gift exchange. Ben takes Clovis to the VA to get his treatments and takes him anywhere he needs to go... Clovis has no family, no next of kin... (The party is) a members' only thing but I made an exception. Tonight Clovis is going to have a lot of brothers and sisters. I am so glad I stopped to talk to this old Veteran of the Vietnam War."

The FRA members loaded Clovis with gifts and small Christmas tree to take home. It's touching to hear stories like this, stories that only add to the greatness of our Southside communities. Thank you, Jerry, for sharing this story with us. Way to go, FRA members, for paying it forward in this way. We're sure your kindness won't be forgotten.



HUMOR

The revolution begins with an interrobang?

Commentary by Gus Pearcy

Being a writer, I can't wait to revel in the year-end word lists produced by various nerdy organizations. What are the trendiest words? What words various dictionaries are adding? It truly is Christmas for us word aficionados.

Why do we think the English language is flawless? It's not. It is fluid and ever-changing to meet the needs of our culture and times. English is just one form of communication meant to convey thoughts and feelings. Its limitations are as evident as the times we live. These deficiencies in English are severely revealed in our written communications, which is growing fast.

Netspeak or the LOLs and BRBs of our language don't bother me as long as I understand. These acronyms may not be as universal as one might think. However, with the increase in written communication, one of English deficiencies is tone. Dry sarcasm, anger, stern, directness, exasperation and even innocence are not easily discerned in our written communications. Enter emoticons.

Emoticons are the annoying smiley faces and the like that are to add a tone to a message. At first, I viewed them as like the hearts over i's in a teenage girl's notebook. They were cute. Impossible to use in a business communication.

No. What we need is an overhaul of our punctuation — additional marks that can indicate inflection.

None of these are new; they just aren't widely adopted. I feel my column can change all that in a matter of few months.

? The first is my favorite and one you may be familiar. The Interrobang is a melding of a question mark and the exclamation point. It replaces the awkward looking ??!!!.

{?} or {!} Using irony in prose is a bit tricky. But there is a way to indicate irony and sarcasm simply by using a bracketed question or exclamation point.

→ The snark mark is another that would be easy to incorporate. It looks like a lazy!. It would indicate a snide statement and would be a staple of my writing.

There are many others but are so hard to type that they will never be widely accepted. But once they are, we could once again communicate without ③.

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HUMOR

Top ten new ways to celebrate the Baxter Y's 50th anniversary

torry's top 10

By Torry Stiles

- 10. Introduce new dress code: Snuggies and flip-flops.
- 9. Replace the regular weight room mirrors with fun house mirrors just to watch the chronics panic.
- 8. Mandatory soccer league membership for all the Day Care kids. The toddler division would be hilarious.
- 7. Commission a new scent with the folks at Chanel.... 'Gym Locker.'
- 6. Serve cake at the party but serve it from moving golf carts out on the track. Make folks do laps for a slice.
- 5. Partner the basketball league with Long's Donuts for a 'Dunk for Dunkers' tournament.
- 4. Finally open up that tattoo parlor they've always dreamed of putting in.
- 3. "Gymkata" movie marathon. Have Kurt Thomas pass out punch and cookies.
- 2. Have an Indian Guides reunion (I was one about 1968 or so) only require more realism. The deer butchering will really set the tone.
- 1. Does Gatorade come in kegs?

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful."

~ Norman Vincent Peale







Photo by Nicole Davis

Jay Thomas Southport Police officer enjoys being a mentor on and off the job

BEHIND the BADGE

Everyone waves in Southport. The residents have a respect for the police department and they show it, said Jay Thomas. That's something he said he has enjoyed since coming to the Southport Police Department in April.

Thomas has served in law enforcement for 16 years, starting on the Marion County Sheriff's Department for a year before moving to the Indianapolis Park Rangers where he became a lieutenant over operations. He came to the Southport Police Department, a reserve department, in April of this year and works full time as a school resource officer for Providence Cristo Rey High School.

Thomas grew up on the Eastside of Indianapolis and currently lives on the Southwest side. He and his wife of 16 years, Lorrikus, have seven children. Their biological children are Samik who is currently serving in the Army, Tarik (17), Samaria (16) and Tha (8); adopted children are Torynn (14), Shonne (10) and Samiya (8).

What was your inspiration to become a police officer?

I grew up in a two parent home. My father was abusive toward my mom. I would see officers come to the house. They would always be supportive, asking my mom if she had somewhere to go. They were always so helpful. As a young child, they made me feel safe. They made me feel secure and that's something I always admired about police officers.

What has been one of your most gratifying moments on the job?

The community policing. I love being involved, being a mentor. Seeing someone I talked to years ago when I went to a family disturbance and then see them two or three years later they tell me they've graduated

high school and are on their way to college, how good their relationship is with their parents. Another part is stuff like Shop with a Cop. I'm all about putting a smile on kids' faces.

What aspect of the job do you find most challenging?

Having to take people to jail. When you look at the big picture, there are not many people that have the ability or authority that police officers have and that's to take someone's freedom away. We know it has to be done. I take pride in my job but that's not something I take joy in.

What do you enjoy doing in your off-time?

I'm very family oriented. We spend a lot of time together as a family, watching movies, playing video games. I coach football and basketball.

What are your future goals, professionally or personally?

Professionally, I would like to continue to grow in Southport Police Department. Here in Southport it's unlike any department I've worked at before. Here, it's truly a family. Chief Vaughn is someone I've known for many years. He has always been someone that puts officers first. I definitely want to grow here in rank and continue to be the best officer that I can. Personally, continuing to be the best husband and dad that I can. It's gratifying to see your kids excited when you come home.

What would you have done if you hadn't of became a police officer?

I think I would become an architect or engineer. I can't draw a lick but I love looking at buildings. I'm pretty good with numbers.

Compiled by Nicole Davis

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Nativity music teacher Margie Hamm prepares students for upcoming Christmas Concert

FEATURE

By Nicole Davis

"If you have fun, the audience will have

fun," Mrs. Margie Hamm tells her music education students at Nativity Catholic School as they prepare for their concerts. She leads by example, bringing energy (and lots of singing) into her classroom.

"I love to see their faces," Hamm said. "They get joy in doing it. If we can find the joy and help them share the joy, I think that's my role in life."

Hamm taught for a few years after graduating from Ball State University, minoring in musical theater. She left to go into business, but said she felt like she was in the wrong place. Twelve

years ago, she applied and was hired part-time as the music teacher at Nativity Catholic School in Franklin Township, splitting her time with St. Anthony's school downtown. A few years later she was hired full time to Nativity.

Hamm has led the Christmas Concert for Nativity ev-

ery year since she started; even in the year she that had to take off for a surgery, she briefly returned to host the concert. On Dec. 17, 1:30 and 6:30 p.m., Nativity's first, third and fifth graders will perform in this year's concert, themed *Go Tell it on the Mountain*. The concert is open to the public.

"This year's theme is one of my favorite spirituals," Hamm said. "I always try to do a theme for Christmas. Because we're a Catho-

lic school I love being able to talk about Jesus. Nativity is our name. It's our school identity. So it's cool to be able to sing about Jesus at Christmas time because he is the reason for the season."

The remaining grades will perform in Nativity's Spring Concert. Hamm

also organizes the school's spring musical, which is *Lion King Jr.* this year.

"It's not part of class; it's an extracurricular," Hamm said. "There are maybe 50 kids that participate. Our principal calls it a rite of pas-

sage. One of the things the kids take away from Nativity if they participated in the musical is that experience. It's an incredible teaching tool. You have to talk to people all of the time. The more you do it, the better you get. This makes them do that. It is a lot of fun. It's a lot of work, and they learn a lot through the process."

Hamm also helps the eighth graders organize the all-school talent show and helps students desiring to participate in the CYO music contest each February. She gives free vocal lessons while they prepare.

"That's an opportunity for me to build oneon-one relationships with those kids," she said. "It allows me to get to know them, their skill level and help them improve those skills, learn what makes them nervous and build their confidence. The more you know about the individual child, the more you can help them do their best. That's one



Above, Margie Hamm and her third grade students. **Photos by Nicole Davis**

of my favorite things to do all year."
Whichever program Mrs. Hamm is organizing, she said she enjoys working with the kids and watching them perform.
"The middle school kids are just starting to

"The middle school kids are just starting to be their potential adult self," Hamm said. "I think I can help them get some good foundation for that future adult self through what I do. I love to see the fruition of the effort come

back through the kids' performance."

Nativity's Christmas Concert

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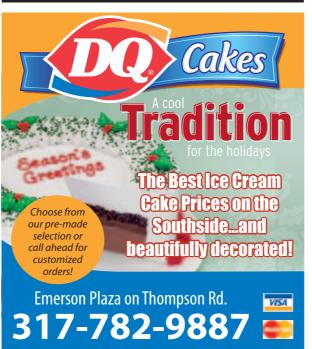
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Top, right: Southport Police officer Todd Craighead and his fiancé Kimberly Smith shop with Angelina Coria of Franklin Township.

Top, left: Emily Vaughn, Southport officers Sgt. Nate Williams, Corporal Aaron Hollenbaugh and Sgt. Kyle Vaugn with Matthew Smith, Alyssa Smith and Kelly Brummett of Greenwood.

Middle: Alyssa, of Martinsville, pauses for a photo after shopping with Major David Howe and Explorer C. Howe.

Bottom, right: Southport Chaplain shops with Dylan for clothing and toys.

Bottom, left: Greenwood Police Officer Kortney Burrello starts shopping in the clothing department with one child.

Photos by Nicole Davis







Have your pick! Christmas for Kids provides opportunities for police and children to interact with shopping and entertainment

By Nicole Davis

The newest Southside Walmart on State Road 135 was filled with police cars on Dec. 5. Officer from across central Indiana joined together in Greenwood as part of Christmas for Kids, a program hosted by the Trooper Bartram Memorial Foundation and Helping Hands for Freedom to purchase clothing and toys for children in need.

"We had 140 children this year; we had enough officers for all of the children," said Indiana State Trooper Pat Etter, president of the Trooper Bartram Memorial Foundation. "I think a lot of them went over (the \$125 limit) but the police officers pulled money out of their pockets to pay the difference. Everything went great."

The memorial foundation is in honor of Indiana State Trooper Pat Bartram who was killed in 1998. It hosts one fundraiser, a motorcycle ride in July, with all of the proceeds going to the Christmas for Kids program. Helping Hands for Freedom joined the program and sponsored 30 children this year.

"I love that we have all of these kids and they're all smiling," said Carol Beck, Indiana Event Coordinator for Helping Hands for Freedom and works with Greenwood Police Department. "They're overwhelmed, like 'I can pick anything?' I thank the community for always supporting us and keeping us going."

Christmas for Kids allowed \$125 per child this year, providing for 140 children. The program allows each department to choose children from their own school systems to participate, but children and officers are paired at random. After they finished shopping, the officers and youth were encouraged to take a photo together with Santa.

"I was really picky about my stuffed animals," said Alyssa Smith of Greenwood. "I kept telling him which way to go to get him my stuffed animals and telling him which ones I wanted on my way in. It was fun! He just pushed the cart and told me how much money I had left. I switched things in and out. I got two very pretty dresses, a scarf and some jeans."

Perry Meridian students join Academic Military Day

Six students from Perry Meridian High School pose for a picture with United States Congressman Andre' Carson on Sat. Nov. 21, 2015 at the Academic Military Day held at the Charles Tindley Accelerated School. The names of these PMHS cadets are; Brian Lee, 10th grade, Za Thang, 10th, Blake Smith,11th, Nick Huckleberry 9th, Clayton



Bruce, 11th, and Jared Stone, 10th grade. Also pictured with Congressman Carson are Mr. Jerod Cannon and Mr. Louis Norris.

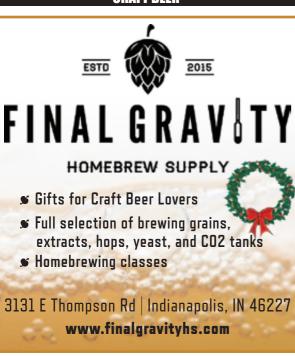
Southport Middle School Drama Club attends state competition

Southport Middle School Drama Club was one of four schools chosen to attend state competition in January after a regional competition in Brown County this past weekend. They were competing against eight other high schools. They performed a piece called Blind Woman's Bluff where Haley Miller plays



a blind elderly lady and Justin Tidd plays a young thief who plans to rob her. Little does he know she has plans of her own. Crew members include Caitlin Lindbeck, Isabel Turner, Jose Rodriguez, Anna Copeland, Hannah Cooper, and Audrie Baker.

CRAFT BEER





Lions Club of Southport recognizes Voiture 145

The Lions Club of Southport Inc. presented the Voiture 145 of the 40&8 with a letter of appreciation in recognition of their support of community projects. Pictured, Lion Pauline Ulrey presents the letter to members of the Voiture at a recent meeting.



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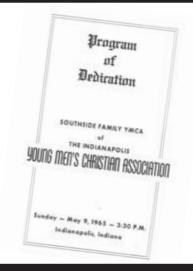


Baxter YMCA: Celebrating 50













Baxter's Birthday

Baxter YMCA celebrates its 50th anniversary of serving the Southside community on Shelby Street

By Nicole Davis

Before it ever opened its doors, the Baxter YMCA received tremendous support from the community. Fifty years have passed and that backing hasn't faltered. Community members rallied together to help open the Y, expand its services, rebuild it after a tornado came through and continue to work together to expand and grow its services.

"You could feel the energy that the community had to get this Y built," said Dennis Cameron, a past executive director of the Baxter Y. "To this day it's a busy place with people of all ages coming in and out. There is a dedicated staff working to serve members... It's something that is much more than a job to

them. It's in their heart. It's a neat organization to belong to. You get to meet so many people. It's energizing to be a part of such an organization."

Prior to moving to the property on Shelby Street, members of the "Southside Y" met in two dairy barns on Hanna Avenue near the University of Indianapolis campus. Members worked for a few years fundraising and hosting membership campaigns before the



Executive Director John Schwentker. Photo by Nicole Davis

Baxter Y was built, named after Arthur Baxter, a financial donor. The opening was celebrated Dec. 27, 1965.

Cameron came to the Baxter Y as its executive director in 1989. He said when he arrived, it had a small wellness center with a running track around it. It took approximately 27 laps to run a mile around that

"I would say it was pretty substandard to what the Y has at this point in time," he said.

"During the time that I was an executive at the Baxter Y we had gone through the renovation of adding on a new gymnasium, expanding the wellness center at the time and improving the locker rooms. That was 1990. We added an outdoor pavilion to serve the day campers that we had. Up to that time we had some small changes to the Y campus there."

A tornado swept through the Southside on Sept. 20, 2002. No lives were lost, but the Baxter Y building was destroyed. Within three weeks, Hubler Chevrolet donated a facility next to its car lot on U.S. 31 for the Y to use for the next year while construction was in progress.

The community came together to rebuild the Y, which was completed in 2003. A \$2 million capital funds campaign launched as the \$7.2 million project increased the facility by 26,000 square feet.

Cameron had left Baxter to work as chief operating officer for the Y; he was brought

back after the tornado to oversee the rebuild. He said the new construction allowed Baxter Y to gain a second, high-school sized gymnasium, four new preschool-rooms to expand that programming, a new pool to replace the one built in 1963 and two multipurpose rooms after the new wellness center was built.

"It had a silver lining in the tornado cloud that came through," Cameron said. "It's hard to explain what the Y was like before the tornado. There was so much in this facility that was dated, outdated and the way the facility flowed when people came through, it just wasn't as functional as what we were able to design for today. People that come in now, 13 years after the tornado, they still find a very contemporary facility to become a part of."

As the Baxter Y staff continues to research ways to improve and expand programming, it received a new executive director in February whose goal is to help do that.



Baxter YMCA after tornado on Sept. 20, 2002.

John Schwentker began working for the YMCA in the 1980s while going to college for criminal justice. He changed his career path and went back to school, earned his graduate degree, and began working for the Y full time in Monroe County in 2003. In 2004 he was hired as executive director in charge of starting a new Y in Evansville. In 2013 he opened another new Y in Fort Worth, Texas. Wanting to return to the Midwest, he applied for the position at the Baxter Y.

"The difference here is it's an existing staff, existing board," Schwentker said. "The Y has a rich history of over 50 years in the community. I'm learning more about the community, the culture. We want our board to represent the community. We're looking for a diverse board. For me coming in new, I have to look at which areas have we had in the past and what we should reach out to and strengthen."

The Baxter YMCA is known for its community partnerships. The Perry Township Kiwanis have used the facility for its annual Fish Fry fundraiser since the 90s and also runs a concession stand in the summertime. Toastmasters Club meets at the YMCA and recently approached Y officials about partnering for a youth leadership program and Schwenker said they look forward to moving forward

Schwentker said they plan to continue looking for gaps to fulfill in their services, create a diverse board of volunteers and reach out to surrounding school districts to discover how the Y can help fulfill their needs.

"We have a lot of opportunity to grow," Schwentker said. "I'm always a believer (that) we can do things better. We have to keep looking for opportunities."



Coach Dick Brunoehler of the Baxter Family YMCA with swimmers Beth Admiring the new "Y" pool during the early 1960s, from left, Walter Van Hoven (executive secretary of the Southside Family YMCA), Don Kautsky (chairman of the youth committee) and Dale McCanless (community secretary).

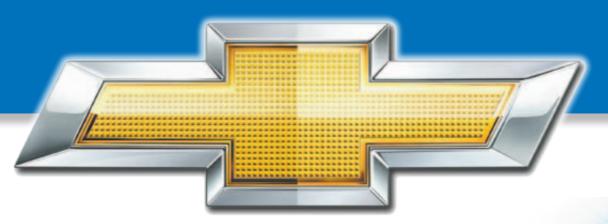
McLaughlin and Stacey Shuck before a swim meet in 1968.

On the Cover: Groundbreaking images and photos taken from Baxter YMCA's history circa 1950s-60s. YMCA staff was unable to provide further identification for the images used.

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Q: What has the Baxter YMCA meant to you? "I was a member of the YMCA when I was younger, about in the fourth grade. It was an important time for me because my parents split up and I could come here and participate in activities. It gave

me something to be involved in. When I was younger, I also started in our summer day camp program. I met a lot of cool people, really loved it and decided I wanted to be a camp counselor. When I graduated high school that's what happened. That was where I met my wife, Carinne. We met playing capture the flag. The Y has just been a home for me. I've spent so much time here, more time than anywhere else in my life. It is a place where I play, work, volunteer, meet friends. I still spend time with my family here. It's not just a place for working out, it's a place for families, a comfortable place to be and for me that's what the Y means to me."

Nick Atkerson, of Southport, grew up in Center Grove



see the regular customers that come in. I stay here because they're so good to me."

> Debbie Fites, Perry Township

for about 12 years. I can't imagine not coming here. Every day starts here. We eat breakfast and then we come here. We are here six days out of seven. There's a big difference of feeling like you can really handle the rest of the day once you leave here. It makes me feel really good. (We bring) our grandchildren, we can come here and play. (The Y) is important."

"I have been coming here

Elaine Wiess, Perry Township "We moved here when my daughter turned 3. Within two weeks of moving to Greenwood we joined the Y. My daughter went to preschool here and I started working here, part time teaching some lessons. It eventually grew into more involved positions... Now I'm the member involvement director, four years now in February. The people that I've worked with and the

amazing. It doesn't matter what kind of day you're leave feeling uplifted and revitalized at the same ti ton of friends here. I love the impact we have at the can reach out to the community and it's not just a plaughter has participated in about everything Y has She's now a certified lifeguard. She's 17 now and has majority of her life at the Y. She volunteers at the Y.

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community. It's almost like a family. I've been coming here 15 years. I have a sense of belong

sense of belonging and for me having children, the people that work at the child watch are amazing."

> Chris Schutt, Shelby County





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"The Kiwanis Club of Perry Township has enjoyed a long and successful partnership with the Baxter YMCA. In fact, the Baxter Y – by allowing us to use its facilities – has been instrumental in helping the club reach its fund-raising goals so that it can support various community organizations.

This year, the club celebrated its 30th Fish Fry,
Barbeque and More, held at the Baxter Y. In the early
1990s, the Baxter Y welcomed the Fish Fry on its
grounds, then the event was eventually moved to
its present location in the air-conditioned pavilion.
The event at the Baxter Y has become a Southside

The Baxter Y also hosts the club's concession stand, operated each spring and fall during the Baxter Y youth leagues. It's a win-win partnership, serving young athletes and their families while raising funds for the club.

Kiwanis is pleased that the Baxter Y associate executive director, Terri Bradley, has been a valuable member of our club for several years, and that it's new executive director, John Schwentker, recently addressed our group. The club is proud of its affiliation with the Baxter Y and we congratulate the organization on its 50th anniversary on the south side. Baxter Y is a vibrant, progressive organization, a real asset to the health and well-being of our community, and we are proud to have it as a partner and neighbor."

Jeff Udrasols, president of Kiwanis Club of Perry Township



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Tornado couldn't tear down the spirit and love for Baxter YMCA

By Howard Hubler,

When I think of the Baxter YMCA, I can't help but remember one of the most devastating days in its history: Sept. 20, 2002.

That's the day that caused tremendous damage to it - and it seems as if it was only yesterday.

I remember the sky was turning black and everybody at our dealership started talking about going down to the basement. When we built the dealership we built a basement because my father was a tornado freak – thanks, dad!

Well, 15 minutes later we came upstairs and it was a new world.

There were tree branches and debris everywhere. The temperature went from a hot, sultry summer day to ice cold. However, we had no idea how heavy the damage was that was sustained just a few thousand yards from the rear entrance to Hubler Chevrolet. The Baxter YMCA got blasted, the likes of which I'll never forget.

The following day I got a phone call. I believe it may have been from Kendy Kulp, the manager. She asked if the Y could use

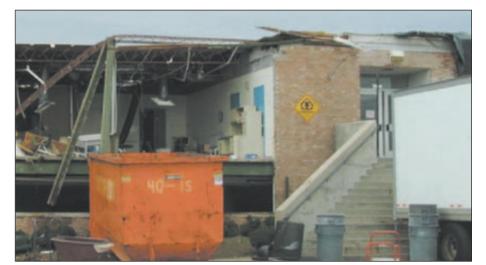
what was to be our Dodge dealership for six months or a year? Man, why did she have to ask me that question. It really put me on the spot. With everything that was in me, I

did not want to do it. My staff was anticipating a move to the new building from the inner-city location. They had waited years for this move. Well, after some deliberation, I decided to move the YMCA to our future Huber Dodge location. And I am happy that I did.

What the Y staff did in the next 24 hours was amazing. They summoned national and local people together and in a period of a week

they converted an old warehouse into a brand new YMCA. Well, all went great. The new YMCA was functioning well with membership moving back to normal. Then, out of nowhere, I got yet another phone call asking me to chair a capital fundraising campaign to build a new building; no tall order - the goal was to raise \$5 million.

For the next year my wife, Janet, and I stumbled in and out of events. Whenever two or three were gathered together, if they



Above and below: Damage inside the Baxter YMCA after tornado on Sept. 20, 2002. Submitted Photos

would listen to me talk I talked. I talked to Rotary clubs, Exchange clubs, ladies auxiliary clubs, I even talked at a laundromat. We reached our goal of raising \$5 million and the bright shiny new YMCA was a reality.

It was truly thrilling to see how a community pulled together on this project. It did not matter what side of town you lived on, what high school you were affiliated with, what church you were affiliated with - everybody was a member of the YMCA in spirit.

Today, as I look back at the Baxter YMCA's 50 years, I know one thing about the South-

side: never say never – and never underestimate the Lord. He calls us to have faith in him and to keep the faith. As I drive by Baxter every summer, as I do many times a month, I see all those kids out there playing. None of that could've happened without the YMCA. That's when you know you live in a true community; the impossible becomes possible because it has a spirit, the spirit of community.

Howard Hubler can be reached at howard@hubler.com.



Congratulations to the Baxter YMCA.

Happy 50th Anniversary! Thanks for all you do to serve the Greater Southside.

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100 years and still giving

Annabel Hartman celebrates her 100th birthday with 400 family members, friends and a Baxter Y fundraising campaign

By Nicole Davis

"You have to do your part; you can't have a successful group of people leading others unless you contribute," said Annabel Hartman as she browsed through old photographs illustrating the history of the Baxter YMCA.

She and her late husband, Grover, joined the Y when her children were young, before the Baxter Y was built and they met in two dairy barns on Hanna Ave. She's not only done her part for the organization, but continues to do so. As Annabel celebrated her 100th birthday on Nov. 30, a '100 for 100' campaign was launched to raise money for the Baxter Y in her name.

"It's not just here, it's out," said Terri Bradley, associate executive director of the Baxter YMCA. "That's always been a strong point of her and Grover's. Her strength is in her people skills. She's tremendous at working with people. She's mentored to many of us and continues to do that."

Annabel (Spangle) was born on Nov. 30, 1915 in Milford, Ill.

"I grew up in a good home," Annabel said. "My father was a baker. I grew up knowing about working for your living because he worked in the bakery he produced... I was an only child. I don't think they spoiled me at all. My father and mother were active in the community and were working all of the time."

Her family relocated to Florida after the bakery closed due to the Great Depression. She graduated from Fort Lauderdale High School in 1933 as salutatorian. She attended college at Tennessee Wesleyan College and American University with a degree in Christian Education. While still in AU, she was on staff at Hamline Methodist Church in Washington, D.C. as a parish visitor and director of the youth group. She met Grover through a friend and they became friends. He was teaching at Sidwell Friends School in Washington, D.C. at the time, and going to graduate school at AU. The two eventually married in September 1942.

Annabel and Grover had four children, Lowell, Worth and twins, Elden and How-

Annabel and Grover became involved in the Y on the Southside of Indianapolis while their children were young. Grover served on the board of directors. Annabel said she enjoyed doing water fitness, lap swimming, low-impact aerobics and volunteered to lead prayer meetings.

"I was active," Annabel said. "I'm no more



Annabel Hartman on her 100th birthday. Photo by Nicole Davis

a stranger to leadership or performance than anyone else that comes here. You don't have to be the best. You just use your gifts and personality. Just be adaptable as a person in that you share your personality and skills. It's just being yourself."

Annabel began fundraising for the YMCA after she was given a list of Grover's contacts to call on for an Invest in Youth campaign. Bradley said the Y currently has 14,000 members and that's thanks to people such as Annabel who played a part in its past.

"It's not fair to enjoy what you have as far as activities provided here unless you make it happen, contribute in some way," Annabel said. "I do believe raising funds is important. You can't have a Y without fundraising."

Annabel would always attend women's getaways, women's wellness meetings at Flat Rock River YMCA camp where she would do the devotions.

"One of my first memories of Anabel," said Nancy Short, YMCA employee. "We got to Camp Flat Rock on Friday. We woke up to seven inches of snow. Everyone starts taking things to sled down this hill... I look over at Annabel and she's raising her hands saying 'I'm 79 years old and I'm sledding downhill at camp!"

Annabel left the Baxter YMCA to teach classes at Robin Run and continued teaching water aerobics until age 97. She's retired now, but she hasn't stopped. She participated in her 36th annual CROP Hunger Walk in Indianapolis just this past

October. Through the years, she was just as involved in, if not more so, with Center United Methodist Church.

Proof of her lifelong good deeds and mentoring was at her 100th birthday party. She had more than 400 guests in attendance to share the day with her consisting of family, friends, friends from the YMCA and friends from the church.

"I can't tell any difference," Annabel said about turning 100. "I am well and that is very important. My body doesn't ache."

Staff at the YMCA created the 100 for 100 campaign with a goal of 100 people giving \$100 in Annabel and Grover's names. As of her birthday, the campaign had brought in approximately \$4,000.

"I believe in the YMCA," Annabel said af-



Annabel Hartman is pictured at a Baxter YMCA function, circa 1950s. **Submitted Photo**

ter she heard that news. "I hope it lives and flourishes for everybody."



OBITUARIES

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Mark Alan Bell

Mark Alan Bell, 53, of Indianapolis, died on Nov. 13, 2015. He was born on Oct. 24, 1962 to the

late Charles Lester Bell, Jr. and Joann Beverly (Kinnett) Bell in Indianapolis. He did shop maintenance for Little Ton Trucking. He is survived by his two brothers, Gary L. Bell (Matria) and Kenneth Bell. A memorial gathering will be Dec. 13, 2 to 4



p.m. in the Edgewood Athletic Association, 6004 Camden St., Indianapolis, IN 46227. Memorial donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675. Arrangements and care are by Lauck & Veldhof Funeral & Cremation Services.

James Michael "Mike"

"Legend" Blythe

James Michael "Mike" "Legend" Blythe, 54, of Indianapolis, died on Dec. 1, 2015. He was born on Oct. 9, 1961. Legend was an avid fisherman and enjoyed hunting. He is survived by his parents, James D. and Martha Blythe; wife, Sandy Blythe; children, Nikki and Justin Adkins; James and Tiffany Blythe, and Emily Blythe; grandchildren, Cole and Caitlyn Adkins, Jocelyn Blythe; and sister, Patricia Gaskin. Mike was preceded in death by his infant son, Michael Joseph Blythe. Visitation was Dec. 5 at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis. Mike will be laid to rest in Round Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the family of Mike Blythe.

Sue Ann Davenport

Sue Ann Davenport, 69, Indianapolis, died on Dec. 3, 2015. She was born on May 22, 1946 in Indianapolis to the late Austin and Anna Kate Flike. She retired from Kroger. Survivors include son, Paul Davenport, Jr.; two granddaughters, Crystal and Courtney; siblings, Sandy (Terry) Stewart, Barbara Reeves (fiance Donald Jarvis), Joseph (Amber) Flike and Mary (Jim) Mitchell; former daughterin-law, Shannon Davenport. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Davenport, Sr. and sister Sharon Kay Flike. Visitation was Dec. 8, 12 - 1 p.m. at G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at The Gardens at Olive Branch, 1605 S. State Rd. 135. Burial will be at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association or American Heart Association.

John R. Deal

John R. Deal, 84, of Indianapolis, died on Dec. 3, 2015. He was born on April 27, 1931 in Indianapolis, to the late Clarence and Alice Deal. He was preceded in death by his wife of 44 years, Marietta Deal. John is survived by sons, Fred (Joy) Deal, Eddie (Amanda) Deal and Mark (Melinda) Deal; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister, Lovenia (Buddy) Cooper; and several nieces and nephews. John retired in 1989 from the Tube Processing Corporation. He enjoyed bowling, golfing, and raced for many years at the Speedrome. Visitation was Dec. 7 at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis. Service was Dec. 8. John will be laid to rest in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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Helen Louise Dingess

Helen Louise Dingess, 86, of Indianapolis, died on Dec. 6, 2015. She was born on Aug. 15, 1929 in Wayne Co. W.V. to the late Benjamin and Elizabeth Bartram. She was a member of Moose Lodge and Elvis Fan Club. Survivors include her children, James (Janice) Dingess, Kathy (Ken) Harper, Mark (Donna) Dingess, Lelia (Merle) Karp, Benjamin (Mary) Dingess, Verdina Hunt and Denver Dingess; 11 grandchildren; several great and great-greatgrandchildren. Preceded in death by her husband, Denver and all her siblings. Graveside Service will be Dec. 11, 1 p.m. in Highland Memory Gardens in Pecks Mill, W.V. Arrangements are entrusted to G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis.

Leonard Daniel "Danny" Elkins Leonard Daniel "Danny" Elkins, 73, of Greenwood,

died on Dec. 6, 2015. Danny was born Oct. 11, 1942 in Mt Gay, W.V. Danny relocated to Indianapolis in 1963. Danny married Delma J Graves of Indianapolis on July 3, 1965. He enjoyed 50 years of marriage with wife Delma. After 40 years of service, Danny retired from National Starch and Chemical in 2007 as a Starch Handler. He spent retirement with his three children and seven grandchildren and many special friends. He was a member of Greenwood Church of Christ. He enjoyed serving others as a handy man for anything from mowing to painting. He had a love for old cars, his children and grandchildren and his "adopted" puppy, Layla. Danny is survived by his wife Delma; sons Danny (Carrie) Elkins and Steven (Shelly) Elkins; daughter Debbie Williams; grandchildren Emily Williams, Dane Elkins, Mikayla Elkins, Jada Elkins, Ella Williams, Carter Elkins, Cade Elkins; sisters, Glenna (Delbert) Lundsford, Susanne (Jack) Greenwood, Deanna Kay Elkins; brothers, Claude (Theresa) Elkins, Brooke (Sandy) Elkins; further survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He is preceded in death by his mother Nina Eden Elkins, father Leonard Leslie Elkins, stepmother Emma Elkins, aunt Juanita and uncle Earnest, and sister Linda Kaye. Visitation was Dec. 8 at G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at The Gardens at Olive Branch, 1605 S. State Rd 135 in Greenwood. The funeral service was Dec. 9 at the funeral home. He will be laid to rest at the Gardens at Olive Branch Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made at any Chase Bank (in care of Delma J. Elkins) to assist with any medical and funeral expenses.

Larry A. Gerth
Larry A. Gerth, 65, died Dec. 2, 2015. He was a resident of Comminskey, Ind. Services will be private for the family. Arrangements were entrusted to Simplicity Funeral & Cremation Care, Indianapolis.

Delta Dawn Gimbel

Delta Dawn Gimbel, 23, of Indianapolis, died on Dec. 1, 2015. She was born on March 8, 1992 in Indianapolis to Robert Gimbel and Melissa Jones. Survivors include her mother, Melissa Jones; father, Robert Gimbel; stepdad, Daniel Cummings; sister, Charlene Gimbel; grandparents, Roy (Bonnie) Jones and Diana Silcox. Visitation was Dec. 7 at G.H. Herrmann East Street Funeral Home, 1505 S. East St., Indianapolis, in the funeral home. She will be laid to rest at Anderson Cemetery.

Anthony R. Hodge

Anthony R. Hodge, 73, of Indianapolis, died on Dec. 4, 2015. He was born on March 2, 1942 in Indianapolis, to the late Tony and Eleanor L. Hodge. Visitation was Dec. 6 at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis. Funeral service was Dec. 7 in the funeral home. Burial will be at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Glenns Valley.

Louis "Lou" J. O'Keefe

Louis "Lou" J. O'Keefe, 87, Fishers, died on Nov. 30, 2015. He was born at Grand Rapids, Mich., and moved to Mishawaka, Ind. in 1942. Lou was married to Gloria Badagnani in 1951. She survives him, along with eight children; their six spouses; 15 grandchildren; one great-grandchild, and two sisters. Visitation was Dec. 4 followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Holy Spirit at Geist Catholic Church, 10350 Glaser Way, Fishers. The family suggests charitable donations be made to Riley Children's Foundation or Holy Spirit at Geist Catholic Church. Newcomer Funeral Home, Indianapolis, is handling arrangements.

Salvador Lecona, Jr. "Bear"

Salvador Lecona, Jr. "Bear" age 31, Indianapolis died on Dec. 1, 2015. Born March 5, 1984 in Indianapolis, he attended Franklin Central High School. Survivors include his mother, Karen Jimenez; father Salvador Lecona Sr.; stepmother, Becky Lecona; sisters, Kimberly Lecona-Jacobs; Chela Armstrong, Laura Moore; Rebecca Lecona, Alexandra Lecona. Visitation was Dec. 6 at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave. Graveside Service was Dec. 7 at Sutherland Park, 4140 Millersville Rd., Indianapolis.

Eric Karl Manning

Eric Karl Manning, 20, of Shelby County, died on Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015. He was born June 29, 1995 to Mark Alan Manning and Barbara Ruth Low. He graduated from Southwestern High School in 2014 and attended IU Columbus for English while working at Ruby Tuesday's. Eric had an amazing imagination and aspired to write a fantasy novel based on a whole world he created. Eric was also a self-proclaimed food critic and "foodie." He is survived by his parents Mark Manning (River) and Barbara Low (Mike); best friends and sisters, Alanah and Claire Manning; paternal grandmother, Bessie Jellison Manning; maternal grandparents, Pauline Bailey and Harry Reardon(Norma); and many other family members and friends. A memorial service was Dec. 6 in Lauck & Veldhof Funeral & Cremation Services, 1458 S. Meridian St. Indianapolis. Donations may be made to Southwestern High School Library, 3460 W. 600 S. Shelbyville, IN 46176.

David B. Millard

David B. Millard, Of Greenwood, died Dec. 3, 2015. David was born on Aug. 31, 1955 in Kokomo, Ind. to the late Howard J. and E. Mary Millard. David is survived by his wife, Pamela Chaney-Millard; three sons, Justin D. Millard, Collin M. Millard, Corbin A. Millard; two daughters, Ashley B. Chaney, Hannah N. Brnardic, and seven grandchildren; and his sister, Beth A. Brooke-Marciniak. The family will hold a private viewing. A celebration of life was Dec. 7 at Greenwood Christian Church, 2045 Averitt Rd., Greenwood. Donations can be made to the Alzheimers Association 9135 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46260.

Fredie "Fred" C. Mize

Fredie "Fred" C. Mize, 100, of Greenwood, died on Dec. 2, 2015. He was born on Feb. 27, 1915 to the late William A. and Minnie J. Harris Mize in Pulaski County, Kentucky. Fred retired from Allisons, Division of General Motors after 20 years. He enjoyed gardening, woodworking, and fishing with his boys. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church. Fred was preceded in death by his wife of 73 years Edna Christine Mize, a son, Gary Mize and nine siblings. He is survived by four sons, Larry (Glendora) Mize, Jim Mize, Stephen (Joyce) Mize, and Philip (Sonia) Mize; three daughters, Janet Chaney, Judy (Carl) Hancock, Jane (Eric) Weaver; 29 grandchildren; 35 great- grandchildren; 12 great-great- grandchildren. Visitation was Dec. 6 at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory, Greenwood Chapel, 481 W. Main St. Greenwood. Funeral service was Dec. 7 at the funeral home. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to Calvary Baptist Church, 200 Sunset Blvd. Greenwood, IN 46142.

Thomas John Norris

Thomas John Norris, 37, of Indianapolis, died on Dec. 3, 2015. He was born on June 20, 1978 in Indianapolis to John S. Norris and Carole Lee Nickels.Survivors include his children, Ariel and TJ Norris; sisters, Teresa (John) Elmore, Tonya (Jon) Gilson, Tracy Norris (Bill Johnson); several nieces and nephews. Visitation was Dec. 8 at G.H. Herrmann East Street Funeral Home, 1505 S. East St., Indianapolis, with graveside service following at New Crown Cemetery.

Isabelle Poole

Isabelle Poole, 92, of Greenwood, died on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2015. She was born on Aug. 1, 1923 in Scranton, Pa. to the late Frank J. and Christine Phillips. Survivors include her daughter, Barbara Mattingly and her husband David; two grandsons, Jon and Jim: their wives, Lisa and Molly; and four great-granddaughters, Ali, Emme, Makenzie, and Isabelle. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; and sisters, Ruth Lenahan, Francis Phillips and Theresa Farrelly. Services are private at G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at The Gardens at Olive Branch. She will be laid to rest at Washington Park East Cemetery.

Christopher D. Ramsey

Christopher D. Ramsey, 49, Indianapolis, died on Dec. 5, 2015. Born Nov. 12, 1966 in Indianapolis, he was a 1984 Lawrence North High School graduate. An avid Colts and NASCAR fan, he enjoyed cards, darts, corn hole, fishing, and being with his family. Survivors include his children, Chelsea Ramsey (Nick Barnett), Jeremy Ramsey, Courtney Kesler (Nathan Kesler); parents, Penny & Norma Abbott, Mary Hiles; two grandchildren, Brayden and Aubree; siblings, Danielle Ventura, Robin (Joseph) Lightfoot, Leslie (Patrick) Patterson, Spencer (Elizabeth) Abbott; grandma Woody, former spouse, Leisha Ramsey, nieces and nephews, Rachel Coffman, Anthony Ventura, Uriah Powell, Karissa Ventura, Kelsey, Alexis and Savannah Edington, Aurora Lightfoot, Samantha and Gus Patterson, Justin and Dylan Ventura, Ashlyn and Jacob Abbott and friends, Mike McKimmey, Rodney Edington. He was preceded in death by brother, Kenny Ventura 2007 and nephew Kenny Ventura Jr. Visitation is Dec. 10, 11 – 1 p.m. at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave. followed by the funeral service at 1 p.m. He will be laid to rest at London Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the family for funeral expenses.

William Ray Roy "Bill"

William Ray Roy "Bill", 75, of Indianapolis, died on Dec. 3, 2015. He was born on May 19, 1940 in Jabez, Ky. Bill worked for 27 years at Irvington Landscaping, was a veteran of the US Army and knew no stranger. Bill is survived by his daughter, Jamie Kay Roy; granddaughter, Shealynn Gauge Woods; sisters, Patty Roy and Janice Jordan; brothers, James and Roger Roy; a host of stepchildren and grandchildren, nephews, nieces, family and friends. He is preceded in death by his father and mother, Vassie Roy and Roxie Roy Carter; and his sister, Jeannie Green. A celebration of life will be held in the Spring. Arrangements have been entrusted to at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis.

Brian K. Wall

Brian K. Wall, 48, of Indianapolis, died Dec. 1, 2015. He was born March 3, 1967 in Indianapolis. He is survived by his wife, Patty Wall; children, Brian K. Wall, Jake A. Wall, and Sheena M. Turner; 10 grandchildren; mother and step father, Teena and Ron Dudas; step-children, Gary A. Ballou, Eric P. Ballou, Patric B. Ballou, and Seth R. Merritt; brother, Kenny D. (Shawn) Wall. He was preceded in death by his father, Kenny Wall. A service was Dec. 4 at Simplicity Funeral & Cremation Care, 7520 Madison Ave., Indianapolis, 46227. Brian will be laid to rest in New Palestine Cemetery.

Norman William Wetzel

Norman William Wetzel, 96, of Indianapolis, died Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2015. He was born on May 11, 1919 in Indianapolis, to the late Harry and Hazel (Dippel) Wetzel. He was a 1937 graduate of Southport High School. Norman was married to Clara H. (Oliphant) Wetzel on March 13, 1942, she died in 2010. In 1942, he gave up his industrial deferment to enter the wartime draft. Norman would enter WW II, and serve in the US Army Air Corps. He was a founding member of Calvary Lutheran Evangelical Church. Norman was employed as a part owner and vice president of Miller-Maid Cabinet Company, for 30 years, before retiring in 1988. He would then work part-time at Miller-Maid Cabinet for many more years. Norman is survived by his son Norman W. (Jacqui) Wetzel. He was preceded in passing by his wife, parents, and brother Kenneth Wetzel. Services were Dec. 4 at Calvary Lutheran Evangelical Church, 6111 Shelby St., Indianapolis. Visitation was Dec. 5 at the church. Entombment will be at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens. Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center is handling the arrangements.

Josef Simmel

Josef Simmel, 83, of Indianapolis, died on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2015. He was born on Feb. 24,

1932 to the late Franz Xavier Schreiner and Amalie Simmel in Regensburg, Bavaria, Germany. Joe moved to Indianapolis from Germany when he was 26 years old and was a member of the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers, Local



#4. Survivors include his loving wife of 55 years, Barbara Ann (Brandmaier) Simmel; children, Joseph Simmel (Denise), Stephanie Simmel Zito (Greg), Janine Simmel and Mark L. Simmel (Jill); grandchildren, Ben, Sarah, Rebecca, Nicholas, Gabrielle, Dylan Marie, Nathan, Evelyn and Maxel; and great-grandchildren, Tyler and Cayden. A Mass of Christian Burial was Dec. 5 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Memorial contributions are encouraged for masses to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 1530 Union St., Indianapolis, IN 46225. Arrangements and care were entrusted to Lauck & Veldhof Funeral & Cremation Services.

Christian Snyder

Christian Snyder, 40, died on Monday, Nov. 30, 2015 in Indianapolis. Christian attended Franklin Central High School, and graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Industrial Engineering. He was president of his fraternity, SAE, and he was the epitome of "The True Gentleman" He has worked for Rolls Royce for over 15 years. He is survived by his wife, Keri, daughter, Lily (8), son, Luke (6), parents, Robert and Nancy, sisters, Trinity LaFlower (Adam, Graham (4), Lane (1) and Brittany Snyder, Keri's parents, Tom and Debbie Jones, Keri's sister, Angie Capps (Jordan, Lydia (2), Louie (1). Visitation was Dec. 4 at Indian Creek Christian Church, 6430 S. Franklin Rd. Indianapolis. Funeral service was Dec. 5 in the church. #snyderstrong. Arrangements are entrusted to G.H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis.

Norman B. Walters

Norman B. Walters, 85, of Greenwood, died on Dec. 2, 2015. He was born on Dec. 4, 1929 to the late Granville and Ethel Walters. Norm retired in 1991 from Capital Police. He was a two time recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash. Norm and his wife, Sylvia, enjoyed wintering in Florida until her death in 2005. He enjoyed fishing, eating and watching wrestling. Norm is survived by daughter, Debbie (Jim) Walters Gorman; son, Dwayne (Tammie) Walters; eight grandchildren; and four greatgrandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 48 years, Sylvia Jean Howard; and siblings, Vernon, Lowell, Stella Mae and Herman. Visitation was Dec. 6 at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis. A funeral service was Dec. 7 at the funeral home. Norm will be laid to rest in Greenwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Ben Elo Memorial Fund.

Obituaries are printed free of charge. Funeral directors are encouraged to send obituaries and photos to news@ss-times.com. Information received by noon Tuesday will be published Thursday, space permitting.

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AROUND TOWN

Micah Graber Achieves Rank of Eagle Scout

Micah Graber, 17, of Greenwood, has received Scouting's highest rank of Eagle Scout. Graber, a member of Troop 264, chartered by The Point Church, is currently attending from Green-



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wood Community High School and has been involved in Scouting for 12 years. He achieved the Eagle rank after demonstrating leadership as an assistant senior patrol leader, senior patrol leader and troop guide before completing his Eagle project. Only 4 percent of Scouting's national membership attains the rank of Eagle. For his Eagle Scout Service Project, Graber transformed a semi loading dock with a new gate for entering and exiting and painted the dock yellow and black for added caution during deliveries. He also constructed benches for those needing a break while maintaining land that Midwest Foodbank owns. There were 25 volunteers who dedicated three hours to assist Graber in completing his service project on December 13, 2014. For more information on scouting, visit crossroadsbsa.org.



AROUND TOWN



From left, Skylar Wrege, Madeline Mulder, Maggie Lee, Madison Sutherlin.

CG CSC Students recognized for heart-themed artwork

Four elementary students were recognized Nov. 17 by the Center Grove Community School Corporation Board for artwork they created during a "Kids With Heart" contest put on by the American Heart Association and uPaint Pottery Studio. The winning students are: Skylar Wrege, 5th Grade, Sugar Grove Elementary; Madeline Mulder, 5th Grade, Center Grove Elementary; Maggie Lee, 5th Grade, Center Grove Elementary; and Madison Sutherlin, 3rd Grade, Pleasant Grove Elementary.

The artwork, which addressed the theme "What does a healthy heart look like to you," will be displayed at several Center Grove schools in February as part of a traveling exhibit. Their artwork can be viewed at facebook.com/IndianapolisAmericanHeartAssociation.



Beech Grove Middle School FFA attends Forestry Career

Recently, 22 high school and middle school FFA students attended the Area Forestry Career Development Event. In this event, members use their knowledge of trees to identify the most common trees of Indiana (about 70) by their leaves, wood, or seeds. Members must also have a working knowledge of forestry and must take a written 50-question test over the subject. The Beech Grove Middle School students came home with the best placings. The girls' team placed fifth, and the boys placed second. Pictured in no particular order: Trent Eckstein, Collin Eckstein, Seth Rumler, Andrew Galvez, Bella Foster, Brooklynn Justin, Shelby Hill, and Megan Brown.

Find the items in the puzzle going up, down, sideways or diagonally and list them. Each letter is used no more than once.

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- 5. Apt name for a Butler VIP?
- 9. Soccer star Hamm
- 12. Indianapolis Opera solo
- 13. Twin in Genesis
- 14. Indiana's 45th governor
- 15. Atomizer output
- 16. Hold one's ground (2 wds.)
- __ Harris Bank
- 19. Yokohama restaurant sash
- 21. Yang's opposite
- 22. Many works at IMA
- 24. ss-times.com, for one 26. "Meet the Fockers" co-star
- 29. Like one end of the
- Garfield Park pool
- 30. Prepare for a winter takeoff
- 32. Apt name for a WTHR Stormtracker?
- 33. Ruhr Valley city
- 35. Indiana Election Day predictor
- 37. Paul George bobblehead movement
- 38. Apt name for a First Baptist Church minister?
- 42. Day before a holiday
- 45. Impose, as a tax
- 46. Element No. 54 in a Ball State chem class
- 50. Apt name for a local pharmaceutical company salesperson?
- 52. Indianapolis Zoo reptile house toxin
- 55. Worked on a Conner Prairie loom
- 56. Free-for-alls
- 58. Conseco's new name, initially
- 59. Lucas Oil Stadium seating section
- 60. Laid up at IU Health
- 61. Ichiban Sushi Bar fish
- 63. Murat Theatre sold-out letters
- 64. Andrew Luck's target (2 wds.)
- 68. Exclude
- 70. "What's the
- 71. Eagerly excited
- 72. Cain's brother
- 74. Apt name for a McNamara

75. Apt name for a wedding planner?

- Florist arranger?
- 73. James Whitcomb Riley's "always"

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- 2. Avon HS athletes
- 3. Old what's-___-name
- 4. Defense alliance acronym
- 5. Hanker for
- 6. Indy's winter hrs.
- 7. Hoosier Motor Club letters
- 8. Our Lady of Greenwood sister
- 9. Depressed
- 10. Shiraz resident
- 11. Apt name for a Mass Ave gallery owner
- 17. Julian's Salon coloring 18. Foreshadow
- 20. Apt name for an Anheuser-Busch beer distributor
- 23. Shoopman Homes design detail
- 25. Not really sing onstage at Klipsch Music Center
- 26. McAlister's, for one
- 27. Brazilian city, familiarly
- 28. Ready for Greenwood Meadows 31. Camp Atterbury bed
- 34. Stanley Cup org.
- 36. California destination from IND
- 39. Guns an IndyCar
- __ fallen..."
- 41. Former Speaker Gingrich
- 42. Brehob Nursery tree purchase
- 43. Contend (for)
- 44. The IMS track shape, basically
- 47. More deafening
- 48. Publicly
- 49. Claudius' successor
- 51. "Old ____," Disney classic
- 53. Uptight (2 wds.)
- 54. Apt name for an Engledow lawn cutter
- 57. One of the Mannings
- 62. Rich soil at Stones Crossing Garden Center
- 64. Apt name for a Faegre Baker Daniels attorney
- 65. Southside Asphalt goo
- 66. Ulndy psych class topic
- 67. Some City Council votes
- 69. PU degree for a future CEO

AROUND TOWN



From left, Nathan Kern, Zalen Niccolini and Alex Woods.

Roncalli Theater students nab 2015 regional championship

"Mere Mortals," one of the Roncalli High School Theater Department's productions in last spring's "The Night of One Acts," won first place in the 2015 Indiana Thespian Regional championship. The cast included Zalen Niccolini, Alex Woods and Nathan Kern as construction workers taking their lunch break on a beam high above New York City. The crew consisted of Stage Manager -Brendan Bard, Sound — D.J. Deak, Lights — Andy Reel, Projector — Jonathon Coons, Emily Wray, Stage Crew — Ryan Armstrong, Sarah Barron, Michael McClellan, Shannon Mitchel, Mia Roberts and Sydney Wade. This acting troupe now advances to the 2016 Indiana Thespian State Competition on January 22. Special congratulations to Zalen Niccolini who received the "Best Actor" award from all of the performances at the regional competition.

Franklin Central hosts Leadership Luncheon

The Franklin Central High School Student Council hosted the 3rd Annual Leadership Luncheon: Ringmasters of Leadership on Nov. 19. More than 175 members of the FCHS Student Council, eighth graders identified as their school's leaders from FTMS East and FTMS West, along with the members of the Attica High School Student Council in northern Indiana participated in an opening ceremony, welcome remarks from Principal Koers, the keynote address from Superintendent Dr. Flora Reichanadter, five breakout sessions, and a Distinguished Alumni speech by Mrs. Alison Pickett from the Class of 2003. Mrs. Pickett was on Student Council at FCHS, and she now is a Student Council sponsor at Bunker Hill Elementary in Franklin Township.

FC Facilitators who planned and imple-

'Meat' your burger

NUTRITION

By Chef Wendell Fowler

A tasty thread in the tapestry of American culture; hamburgers are a long-standing tradition. Most Hoosiers consider eating burgers a birthright. Hence, I hesitate revealing their dangerousness and should be served with a governmental black box warning.

Each year, millions of pounds of tainted hamburger are recalled...too late. It had already entered the system and was un-retrievable. If 19 million pounds of meat distributed to half of this country over the years had been contaminated with a deadly strain of E. coli bacteria by terrorists, we'd freak out about what's between our toasted buns. But when it's done by a Fortune 100 corporation, we obediently buy and feed it to our precious kids.

According to the CDC," foodborne disease outbreaks are responsible for about 48 million illnesses, 325,000 hospitalizations, and 3,000 deaths every year in the United States. The annual toll for Salmonella poisoning alone in this country is 1 million illnesses, 19,000 hospitalizations, and nearly 400 deaths. As the world becomes even more interconnected, FDA has recognized



the urgency of creating new approaches and better tools to detect food contamination and stop outbreaks in their tracks." Ya think?

Of the 7.5 billion pounds of artery-clogging ground beef processed annually in America, one 4 ounce patty is packed with the lip-smacking' meat and fat of 50 to 100 cattle from multiple states and two to four countries?

In order for cows to grow fast, fatty and flavorful most beef cattle have been pushed off their natural feed — grass — and bulked up

on unhealthy amounts of soy, corn, growth hormones, antibiotics, bits of feathers, hair, skin, hooves, blood, manure and other animal waste, plastics. (Union of Concerned Scientists. "The Reality of Feed at Animal Factories." God weeps. Ruminant cows were created to eat grass, shrubs, clover and random leaves. The natural lifespan of a dairy cow is approximately 20 years. The average lifespan of a beef cow feed alien foods, is 15 to 20 months. Happy cows will also nibble on shrubs, clovers and random leaves if they can get to them. Basically, they'll eat whatever's in reach, green, and leafy.

Oh yeah, since 2002 carbon monoxide has been approved by the FDA in the packaging of grocery meat, seafood, sushi and pork. Adding small amounts of carbon monoxide to the air surrounding meat in a package is all it takes for the meat to remain bright red. Now you know why you're always exhausted.



Chef Wendell is a lecturer and chefwendellfowler@gmail.com.

AROUND TOWN



Distinguished Alumna, Alison Pickett

mented this leadership event modeled after the IASC State Convention which they participated in earlier this month at the Convention Center are: Senior Zach Johnson, Juniors Addison Laker, Haley Sobieralski, Katie Timperman, Ryan Wilks, and Sophomores Mackenzie Carr, Micah Eisman, Emily Evans, Kylie Lewis, Kristen Rue, Lexi Skrabak, and Carson Whitesell. Sponsors are Mrs. Leslie Appleby & Mrs. Lisa Laker.

Southside News Quiz

How well do you know your Southside community? Test your current event knowledge each week with a little Q&A!

1. McDonald's recently awarded a \$500 grant to Mrs. Jennifer Bastien, 6th grade art teacher at __ for a project called "Walking Art."

A. Beech Grove Middle School

B. Franklin Township Middle School East

C. Southport 6th Grade Academy

D. Greenwood Middle School

2. Which Beech Grove High School Varsity Team won its conference championship this season?

A. Football

B. Girls' Golf

C. Boy's Cross Country

D. All of the Above

3. Santa is going to be everywhere this week! But where will his reindeer be on Dec. 10, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.?

A. White River branch of the Johnson County Public Library

B. Southport Community Center

C. Beech Grove Community Center

D. Greenwood Public Library

4. Members of which club will ring the Salvation Army bell at Greenwood Park Mall on Dec. 12?

A. Kiwanis Club of Greenwood B. Lions Club of Southport Inc.

C. Rotary Club of Greenwood

D. Kiwanis Club of Perry Township

5. How many Nativity students recently earned scholarships to Roncalli High School?

A. One

B. Four C. Eight

D. Sixteen



Answers found on page 22

CALENDAR

BEECH GROVE

Shop Inn-Spired Christmas Sale • Join for this holiday shopping experience. Get your picture with Santa for \$5. | When: Dec. 12, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. | Where: Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: Call (317) 788-7581 ext. 0 or visit benedictinn.org.

Santa Claus • Visit with Santa, take a picture and leave with a treat. When: Dec. 12, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. | Where: Elton H. Geshwiler Senior Center, 602 Main St., Beech Grove. | Info: Visit beechgrove.com.

Christmas Concert • The Holy Name of Jesus will host its Christmas Concert No. 52. | When: Dec. 13, 5 p.m. | Where: 89 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: For tickets call (317) 787-1682.

Classic Holiday Movie Night • Christmas in Connecticut, 102 minutes, will be hosted by Steve Nontell. | When: Dec. 14, 5:30 p.m. | Where: 1102 Main St., Beech Grove. | Info: Call (317) 788-4203.

Star Wars Activity Day • Games, trivia and more are sponsored by the Teen Advisory Board. | When: Dec. 16, 4 p.m. | Where: 1102 Main St., Beech Grove. | Info: Call (317) 788-4203.

Lapsit Story Time • This is a program for children from birth to 24 months and their caregivers. | When: Dec. 16, 11 a.m. | Where: 1102 Main St., Beech Grove. | Info: Call (317) 788-4203.

All Ages/Family Story Time • Happy Holidays. When: Dec. 16, 4 – 4:30 p.m. | Where: Beech Grove Public Library, 1102 Main St., Beech Grove. | Info: Call (317) 788-4203.

CENTER GROVE

Silly Safaris' Reindeer Reserve • Join for Silly Safaris' Reindeer Reserve starring one of Santa's Elves with a live reindeer and other animals of the North Pole! | When: Dec. 10, 6:30 -7:30 p.m. | Where: White River Library branch, 166 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: Visit pageafterpage.org.

Kids Cooking! • Make one no-bake food item and one drink, then taste the results. For grades K – five. | When: Dec. 15, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. | Where: White River Library branch, 166 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: Visit pageafterpage.org.

Ornament Painting Party • The Ornament Painting Party will include painting fun for all ages. Each guest receives an ornament to paint, all the supplies needed, and refreshments. | When: Dec. 15, 6 p.m. | Where: uPaint Pottery Studio, 3113 W. Smith Valley Rd., Greenwood. | Cost: \$151 per person for each event. | Info: Visit upaintpotterystudio.com.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

Baby Lapsit at Franklin Road • Babies up to 18 months and an adult are invited for stories, songs, rhymes and flannel board activities. | When: Dec. 10 and 17, 10:15 a.m. | Where: Franklin Road Branch library, 5550 S. Franklin Rd., Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317) 275-4380.

Pictures with Santa • Families and children of all ages are invited to have their picture taken with Santa and meet some of Santa's friends during this event presented by the Franklin Township Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Claus will be here, too. | When: Dec. 12 and 19, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Where: Franklin Road Branch library, 5550 S. Franklin Rd., Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317) 275-4380.

Jingle Bell Rock Dance Party • Preschoolers ages 3 - 6 and an adult are invited to listen, jump and dance to holiday favorites with scarves and rhythm instruments. | When: Dec. 15, 1:15 p.m. and Dec. 16, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m. | Where: Franklin Road Branch library, 5550 S. Franklin Rd., Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317) 275-4380.

Christmas Concert • Nativity Catholic School will host two performances of its Christmas Concert. | When: Dec. 17, 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. | Where: 7225 Southeastern Ave., Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317) 357-1459.

FOUNTAIN SQUARE

Fountain Square Afternoon Book Discussion • Adults are invited to this monthly book discussion program. The book to be discussed is "Station Eleven" by Emily St. John Mandel. | When: Dec. 10, 1:30 p.m. | Where: Fountain Square Branch library, 1066 Virginia Ave., Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317) 275-4390.

Family Game and Craft Night at Fountain Square • Families are invited to play board games and have fun while hanging out with friends and family. | When: Dec. 15, 6 – 7:30 p.m. | Where: Fountain Square Branch library, 1066 Virginia Ave., Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317) 275-4390.

Art + Science Brainstorms: A Streamlines Experience • Young and old alike are invited to bring their imagination and explore the intersections of art and science. This program is presented in association with Butler University, the National Science Foundation and Da Vinci Pursuit. | When: Dec. 15, 6 p.m. | Where: Fountain Square Branch library, 1066 Virginia Ave., Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317) 275-4390 or visit StreamLines.org.

GREENWOOD

Breakfast with Santa • Join the annual Breakfast with Santa. | When: Dec. 12, 9 – 11 a.m. | Where: Community Center, 100 Surina Way, Greenwood. | Info: Visit greenwood.in.gov.

Fish Dinner • Greenwood VFW Post 5864 has set aside the second Friday of each month as a Fish dinner night. The meal includes a choice of two of the following: baked beans, cole slaw or French fries plus a roll and butter. | When: Dec. 11, 6 – 8 p.m. Karaoke begins 8 p.m. | Where: 333 S. Washington St., Greenwood. | Cost: \$11. | Info: Call (317) 888-2488.

Army-Navy Football Game • Greenwood VFW Post 5864 will host the annual Army-Navy football game. The VFW has six TV screens and will have wings with three sauces, celery, cole slaw, potato salad and draft beer. | When: Dec. 12, doors open 2 p.m. and game begins 3 p.m. | Where: 333 S. Washington St., Greenwood. | Cost: \$15 tickets. No fee to get in and watch the game. | Info: Call (317) 888-2488.

Christmas Concert • The Greater Greenwood Community Band will close its 2015 season with the annual Christmas Concert. Admission is free, but a canned food item to benefit the Salvation Army food pantry is requested. | When: Dec. 12, 7 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Community High School. | Info: Visit greenwoodband.com.

Joyful Sound • The community handbell choir from Greenwood hosts its Christmas Concert season. | When: Dec. 18, 7 p.m. | Where: First Baptist Church, 99 W. Main St., Greenwood. | Info: Visit joyfulsound.info.

PERRY TOWNSHIP

Christmas Celebration • Ulndy's choral, instrumental and handbell ensembles will perform. The Ulndy Handbell Ensemble directed by faculty member Peter Nichols will provide 30 minutes of pre-concert music in the lobby before the stage program begins with a candlelight processional. | When: Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 13, 4 p.m. | Where: Ruth Lilly Performance Hall of the Christel DeHaan Fine Arts Center, 1400 E. Hanna Ave., Indianapolis. | Cost: \$10 general admission. | Info: Visit uindy.edu/etc.

Joyful Sound • The community handbell choir from Greenwood hosts its Christmas Concert season. | When: Dec. 14, 7 p.m. | Where: Crestwood Village South, 8809 Madison Ave., Indianapolis. | Info: Visit joyfulsound.info.

Know your Numbers: Cholesterol/Glucose Screening • Community Health Network Hospitals will host cholesterol/glucose screenings. To ensure you will be screened, arrive by 11:30 a.m. Screenings end at 12 p.m. Fasting for 10 hours is recommended. Take all necessary medication and drink 8-16 ounces of water prior to screening. | When: Dec. 15, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. | Where: Community Hospital South, 1402 E. County Line Rd., Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317) 887-7000.

A Two Grand Piano Christmas • Center United Methodist Church is presenting a free Christmas concert featuring Bruce and Ann Haddix, Director of Music and Organist, respectively. A Two Grand Piano Christmas will also feature many of their musical friends, including Sue Dykes on Harp, Bruce Nunnelly on Flute and Saxophone, and other musicians to round out the evening. Bruce and Ann have been serving the United Methodist Church for 43 years as musicians and directors. Light refreshments will be served, a live Nativity scene will also be featured and each person who attends will leave with a musical gift. | When: Dec. 20, 7 p.m. | Where: 5445 Bluff Rd, Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317) 784-1101.

SOUTHPORT

Lego Club • Families and children ages 2 and older are invited to drop in any time to learn to play and play to learn by using Lego bricks. Lego and Duplo bricks will be provided. | When: Dec. 12, 2 – 4 p.m.| Where: Southport Branch Library, 2630 E. Stop 11 Rd., Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317) 275-4510.

Hour of Code @ Southport • Children are invited for a basic introduction to coding. Those ages 6 and up can learn to program droids and create their own Star Wars game. Those ages 8 and up will create snowflakes and patterns as they ice-skate and make a winter wonderland. Middle school children and up can learn the basics of JavaScript programming. A library staff member will assist with self-guided instruction. | When: Dec. 12, 11 a.m. – noon. | Where: Southport Branch Library, 2630 E. Stop 11 Rd., Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317) 275-4510.

Christmas with Santa • All children receive gifts from Santa, can create crafts and more. | When: Dec. 12, 5:00 p.m. Santa arrives at 6 p.m. | Where: Southport Community Center, 6901 Derbyshire Rd. | Info: Visit southportevents.org.

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Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE: A Names: AMANDA, AMBER, AMY, ANN, ASHLEY, AVA; Pacers: ELLIS, GEORGE, HILL, MILES, TURNER; Cars: ESCAPE, FOCUS, FUSION, TAURUS; Towns: BLOOMINGTON, SOUTH BEND, WEST LAFAYETTE; Towers: CHASE, ONE AMERICA; Holiday: HANUKKAH

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Southside News Quiz:

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AN OPTION

Skyline Chili

The scoop: With the weather outside about to become frightful once again, one way to beat the cold is to grab a warm meal. A warm bowl of hot chili or a baked potato might do the trick and one of the best places in the Southside find such a meal is Skyline Chili across the road from the Ray Skillman auto complex on US 31 South. The signature dish for this chili restaurant chain based out of Cincinnati, Ohio is the Chili Ways: a plate of spaghetti, covered with their special brand of chili, topped with a large mound of cheddar cheese. That would be the 3-Way. Add diced onions and beans and you have a 4-Way or 5-Way. Vegetarian? Try the 3-Way Black Beans and Rice. A Loaded Bowl of chili is also on the menu, as are Coneys, burritos, salads, chicken wraps and chili

habanero cheese. Specialties: Chili

Recommendation: Five Way: spaghetti covered with chili, topped with cheese with diced onions

cheese fries. Make any dish "extreme" with their

Hours: Monday through Thursday 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Location: in the Greenbrook Shoppes plaza at 8345 US-31 South in Indianapolis.

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AROUND TOWN

Burkhart is All That Jazz at Greenwood mall

Burkhart's "All That Jazz" Choir is in the midst of a busy holiday performance schedule! They recently performed at the Greenwood Park Mall, for residents of Greenwood Village, and for the Johnson County Retired Teachers.



AROUND TOWN

Henry Burkhart' 20th candlelight luncheon

Henry Burkhart Elementary School celebrated its 20th annual Holiday Candlelight Luncheon on Dec. 4. More than 1.100 students, staff, and family members had a meal, along with holiday music provided by the Perry Meridian High School string ensemble.



Krampus... dark but enjoyable

MOVIE REVIEW

By Adam Staten

It's that time of year when Christmas music is played ad nauseam, cards instructing you to "have a happy new year" from obscure

relatives begin populating your mailbox and home owners decorate their residences with more exterior lighting than a structure on the Vegas strip. Children also attempt to put forth their best behavior of the entire year with the hopes of finding something from Santa under the tree Christmas morning. The new film, Krampus, shows what hap-

pens when there's bad behavior and terrible attitudes around the holidays and as we see, it can get much worse than coal.

Krampus is the story of two families reluctantly participating in their annual tradition of spending Christmas together. While attitudes are bad, behavior of the two families is even worse. There is nearly constant criticizing, incessant bickering and ceaseless complaining. Needless to say, no one wants to be there and no one is trying too hard to conceal those mutually shared feelings. Soon after the not very merry Christmas celebration gets underway, a freak snowstorm hits and family members mysteriously begin disappearing. It quickly becomes clear that something sinister has stopped by to pay the family a visit. Krampus, an evil, horned and hooved-foot creature, has crashed the party.

When it comes to story, Krampus is, without a doubt, one of the most weird and original flicks you'll catch in theaters this year. Evil gingerbread, demented elves, possessed toys, and the towering, menacing Krampus all get screen time. Unfortunately, it's just entirely too slow in getting to that originality. The film spends way too much time build-

ing suspense and tension when au-

diences want the big payoff, the confrontation between characters and the creature.

Unlike many horror films, there are never any occurrences of cheesy or bad acting in Krampus. Also, the some of the photography is beautifully shot, especially the scenes with the characters interacting with the killer toys.

While Krampus has been marketed as a horror-comedy, problems arise out of that distinction. There are several clear instances of both, comedy and horror present, however there is not nearly enough of either. The movie is not sufficiently funny to be a comedy and it fails to strike enough fear to be considered a horror film. Instead, Krampus remains in this weird in between territory when it should have gone full force into either one or the other.

Krampus is a dark, weirdly original film. The ending is a big copout, but you could do worse at the theaters. 3 out of 5.



Adam Staten lives in Perry Township and is a movie buff. Staten graduated from University of Southern Indiana with a degree in Communication Stud-

BEHIND BARS

Mini Beer

Bartender: Linda Boyle

Location: Brewskies Pub & Eatery, 7925 Southeastern Ave., Indianapolis

Ingredients and directions: In a shot glass pour one ounce of Licor 43 and top off with whipping cream. Serve.



WHERE I DINE

Ben Tapper, Career Developer at Southeast Community Services

Where do you like to dine?

What do you like to eat there? I love the roti rolls. They're sweet, warm and practically melt in your mouth. They remind me of

What do you like about this place? The environment is warm and colorful. It is always busy which I surprisingly enjoy. The food is typically filling as well.

> Siam Square is located at 936 Virginia Ave. in Indy's Fountain Square. The phone number is (317) 636-8424.

Behind Bars, Where I Dine and An Option Compiled by Brian Ruckle



Faith Assembly of God • 186 Royal Rd., Beech Grove | Ph: (317) 784-8566 | Pastor: Lawrence Cook | Sunday: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. | Wednesday: 7 p.m.

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Crossroads Baptist Church • 1120 S Arlington Ave., Indpls, 46203 | Ph: (317) 357-2971 | Pr. Guy Solarek | Sunday: 10 a.m., 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. | Wednesday: 7 p.m. | cbcindy.com

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Southport Baptist Church • 2901 E. Banta Rd., Indpls | Ph: (317) 787-8236. Pr. Jeff Stratton | Sunday: 9:30-10:30 a.m. | Sunday School: 10:45-11:30 a.m. | "Come and Watch Us Grow" | Park Open to Public

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Saints Francis & Clare Catholic Church • 5901 Olive Branch Rd., Greenwood | Ph: (317) 859-4673 | Fr. Steve Giannini | Assc. Pastor Fr. Tim Wyciskalla | Saturday Anticipation Mass: 5:30 p.m. | Sunday: 7, 8:45 & 11:30 a.m.

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Greenwood Christian Church • 2045 Averitt Rd., Greenwood | Ph: (317) 881-9336 | Pr. Matt Giebler | Saturday: 6 p.m. | Sunday: 9:30 & 11 a.m. | Sunday School: 8, 9:30 & 11 a.m.

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Paul A. Kirby is the pastor at the Church of God at 3939 S. Emerson Ave.

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Emergency or Scheduled Services 317-626-5973



When you're part of our family, you'll always come first.

What does it mean to have a family-first philosophy? It means being committed to delivering what's most important to seniors and their loved ones. Listening, understanding, anticipating needs and being there when you need us.

We're the CarDon family of care, with senior living communities throughout South Central Indiana. We've been family owned and operated since 1977, and we take as much pride in caring for your family as we do our own.

Learn how putting family first bridges the gap between home and high-quality care. For information on your local CarDon community, go to www.cardon.us.



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